



FLOREAT AULA!

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO ST EDMUND HALL





My time at Oxford went by in a blur of sweaty bops and essay crises so it's perhaps only in retrospect that I can appreciate what a privilege it was to have been an undergraduate at Teddy Hall. I'd love to be able to help ensure that future generations of students have access to the same wonderful opportunities.

I'm a novelist and as anyone in the creative industries knows, it can be hard to predict your income from year to year. Sometimes you're more in need of a charitable donation than able to give one! Planned giving is a great way to honour your commitment to the Hall if you can't write a cheque in the moment.

It goes without saying that it's never too early to write a will and it would be lovely to see some new faces at the Floreat Aula dinners!

Chris Manby
(1990, Experimental Psychology)



Recently I went to see my solicitor, to review my will following the death of my wife. The mortgage is paid off, I live reasonably within my means, and give a certain amount to charitable causes, including a modest amount periodically to the Hall. But I am cautious, and there is always uncertainty over what might eventually be needed for my own health care in old age. And I have eight grandchildren; who knows what help they may need with their education in the future? Yet I reckon that I owe a huge debt of gratitude for all that I gained in my career, and friendships, and life in general, from the three years at the Hall under John Kelly.

I came away from my solicitor with the clear conclusion that I could get the best of both worlds (financially, at least!) by leaving a legacy. If I need the money in old age, it is mine; but a percentage of whatever is not spent can go to help future generations of students. There should be adequate funds for family needs, and a simple codicil provides that a percentage of my residuary estate, after all other gifts, goes to the Hall. I warmly commend this thinking to you, too.

Michael Cansdale (1956, Law)

The history of the Hall and much of its development can be traced to those generous Aularians who chose to remember the Hall in their will.

In 1631, the first of these benefactions was by Principal John Rawlinson (1610–1631) who bequeathed £6 for a series of divinity lectures.

Today, Aularians of all generations continue this generous tradition – bequests are used to directly support students and help the Hall to reach its £50m goal for the HALLmarks campaign, which will deliver vital and visionary investment in the physical, intellectual, pastoral and cultural aspects of our 800-year-old college. However modest, legacies go a significant way to developing the Hall’s reputation as a first-class teaching institution and maintaining the warm and friendly community that values its ‘Hall Spirit’.

We are truly grateful to everyone who has already chosen to remember the Hall in their will, and if you are considering this type of gift, thank you.



Find out more about the HALLmarks campaign:
<https://hallmarkscampaign.seh.ox.ac.uk/>

“My years at Teddy Hall are the cornerstone of everything that has been good in my life. For me, deciding to leave a bequest to the Hall was one of the easiest decisions I have ever made.”

Graeme Hall (1980, Physics)

HOW YOUR LEGACY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Legacy gifts make a significant impact on life at the Hall. Gifts are always treated respectfully and used in a way that the Governing Body believe reflects Aularians' commitment and passion for the Hall. Gifts are typically used to **directly support students, enhance College life and maintain 'Hall Spirit', support the teaching and tutorial system and maintain the fabric of the Hall**. If you wish to discuss a specific designation please do contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Hall seeks to ensure that the most talented students, regardless of economic background, are supported to reach their full potential. Legacies enable the College to provide bursaries, hardship grants, and scholarships.

"My time at Oxford has been unforgettable, and I will always recognise the generosity and support the William Asbrey BCL Scholarship has provided in this. One day, I too hope to give something back and help future students."

Jake (2016, BCL)





COLLEGE LIFE

The Hall prides itself on its history of high extracurricular achievements, what we have come to know as ‘Hall Spirit’. These activities are intrinsic to the success and vitality of the Hall as an academic community.

Recent legacies have supported the Masterclass Awards to provide students who already excel at an extracurricular activity with the opportunity to refine their talent with specialised coaching; they have also helped to establish a Director of Music position at the Hall.



“The Masterclass Fund allowed me to grasp with both hands the opportunity of training at a prestigious institution and also instilled in me the confidence that someone had believed in me enough to support my training.”

Catherine (2016, MSt Women’s Studies), recipient of the Frank di Rienzo Masterclass Award in Drama and Theatre

SUPPORTING TEACHING & THE TUTORIAL SYSTEM

The tutorial system is what sets Oxford's world-leading education apart from other universities. Legacies can provide the funds to endow Tutorial Fellowships and attract talented Junior Research Fellows, maintaining our position as a first-class teaching environment.

Recent legacies have enabled us to secure our future teaching of economics at the Hall by helping to endow a tutorial position. A gift in your will is a great way to support future students in a subject you studied, or a subject you are passionate about.



MAINTAINING THE FABRIC OF THE HALL

The Hall's historic Front Quad and its buildings, including the Old Dining Hall, Chapel and Old Library, are held in special affection by many Aularians. Preserving the fabric of the Hall for future generations requires ongoing care, with legacies enabling the Hall to maintain and enhance this 'heart' of the College.

Via bequests given to the HALLmarks campaign's flagship project – the Norham St Edmund development – we will at last be able to accommodate all undergraduates, across all years. The provision of quality, reasonably priced accommodation is fundamental to attracting the brightest prospective students and providing a setting conducive to learning.



Architectural rendering of Norham St Edmund and its Ecology Pond

“Thanks to generous gifts from our legators to Norham St Edmund, the College can secure its future sustainability by achieving its goals to accommodate all our undergraduates, inspire a creative and inclusive college culture and lead the way in environmentally sustainable design.”

Professor Baroness Willis, CBE, Principal (2018–)

Many Aularians who wish their legacy to endow a specific bursary, scholarship or teaching position have found pleasure in establishing these during their lifetime by providing ‘upfront’ gifts.

For example, if your wish is for your legacy to create and endow a student bursary, it is possible to create the bursary now and make charitable gifts to meet the annual cost. At a later date your bequest can provide the funds to endow the bursary on a permanent basis.

Those Aularians who have chosen to do this enjoy seeing the impact and benefit of their support during their lifetime, often meeting the students and tutors they are funding. Please contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office if you would like to discuss this further.



“Oxford was a turning point in my life and Teddy Hall was the place within Oxford that gave me the nurturing environment I needed to thrive and the friends I have now. In recognition of those who have made me who I am today, I have made the decision to include Teddy Hall in my will.”

Olly Belcher (1999, Geography)

FLOREAT AULA LEGACY SOCIETY

All alumni and friends of the Hall who choose to leave a legacy to St Edmund Hall are invited to become members of the Floreat Aula Legacy Society. This is one of the ways in which St Edmund Hall honours and thanks, during their lifetimes, those who have mentioned the Hall in their wills. Since its foundation in 1996, the Society's membership has grown to over 270 old members and friends of the Hall with matriculation years ranging from 1942 to 2011.

AS A MEMBER YOU ARE:

- ☒ Invited to the complimentary Floreat Aula Dinner, held biennially.
- ☒ Acknowledged in the annual Hall Magazine.
- ☒ Sent an exclusive chough lapel pin, only available to members of the society.
- ☒ Invited to higher profile events such as the Emden and Geddes Lectures.



THE FLOREAT AULA LEGACY SOCIETY DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

Held biennially, the Floreat Aula Legacy Society dinner and drinks reception offers its members an opportunity to revisit the Hall and to meet Aularians of all generations. During the 2023 event, Aularians enjoyed a talk on College artwork by Professor Jonathan Yates, Chattels and Pictures Fellow, together with a lecture delivered by then Vice-Principal and Tutor in Geography, Professor Rob Whittaker, on his research into island ecological biogeography.

If you have put the Hall in your will, or plan to, and would like to join the Floreat Aula Legacy Society, please contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office.



“I left the Hall with many lasting friendships and good memories. Leaving a legacy is a fitting way to enable future generations to benefit from the unique Aularian experience.”

Richard Luddington (1978, History)



HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE HALL

There are several ways to leave the Hall a gift in your will. We recognise that providing for family and friends will be the priority in most cases but any additional bequest, such as a small percentage of the residue of your estate, makes an incredible difference. If you already have a will, you can attach a codicil form to it (enclosed in this guide). If you are making a new will, we have also enclosed guidance on legacy wording.

A RESIDUARY LEGACY

This is the gift of all or part of the net residue of your estate, after all liabilities, taxes, legacies and administrative expenses have been met. This gift is particularly simple as you neither have to quantify the sum nor worry about inflation when you draw up your will.

A SPECIFIC OR NON-MONEY LEGACY

If you wish, you can leave a personal possession to the College, such as property, jewellery, works of art or stocks and shares. We would be grateful if you could consult us in advance for a legacy of this kind.

A PECUNIARY LEGACY

This simple form of legacy allows you to give a specific sum of money to the Hall.

A CONDITIONAL LEGACY

This provides for the eventuality that, if any one of your named beneficiaries does not survive you, their part of your estate will be left to the College.

A REVISIONARY LEGACY


This gift has the advantage of providing for your family first and then benefitting the Hall. It involves leaving your assets to trustees so that the beneficiaries can enjoy the benefits during their lifetime, with the whole or a portion passing to the College on their death.

There can be financial benefits to leaving part of your estate to a charity. Charitable bequests in the UK incur neither capital gains tax nor inheritance tax. Planned giving tax benefits apply to bequests made by US donors. A gift from you can reduce the amount of any tax payable out of your estate. For more information please see the sheet enclosed in this guide.

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